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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 32-44 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 32-44 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 4/2/2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Remark

1. Claims 10-31 have been cancelled, and claims 1-9 and 32-44 are pending for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-9 and 32-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Zou et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,760,772 B2).

Regarding claim 1, Zou teaches a method for controlling a reverse data rate of packet data in a mobile terminal of a mobile communication system, the method comprising the steps of: determining and updating the status of reverse data rate control factors of the mobile terminal; and transmitting status report information in a reverse direction through predetermined channels, the status report information based on the updated factors (refer to col. 19/line 62 to col. 20/line 22 & col. 26/lines 1-26).

As for claim 2, Zou shows "wherein the reverse data rate control factors include at least one of a buffer indicator indicating an amount of data stored in a buffer of the mobile terminal, a power indicator indicating an amount of available power of the mobile terminal, a rate request

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indicator indicating a reverse data rate required by the mobile terminal, a rate limit indicator indicating if a current data rate of the mobile terminal corresponds to a data rate of a predetermined limit value, and a multiple control indicator indicating if a data rate of the mobile terminal is controlled by two or more base stations” (col. 7/lines 52-67; col. 24/lines 5-40; col. 26/lines 1-26).

For claim 3, Zou shows “wherein the reverse data rate control factors include a power indicator, an increase data rate change indicator, and if the data rate can be increased, the power indicator indicates the number of steps in increasing of the current data rate” (col. 33/lines 42-67).

For claim 4, Zou shows “wherein the reverse data rate control factors include a buffer indicator, and wherein it is determined if increasing, decreasing, or maintaining of the data rate is required based on a value of a current buffer state of the mobile terminal, and when an increase or decrease of the data rate is required, the buffer indicator indicates the number of steps to increase or decrease the data rate” (col. 24/line 62 to col. 25/line 13 for display features including frame rate capability and audio buffer depth etc.).

For claim 5, Zou teaches “wherein the reverse data rate control factors include a power indicator and a buffer indicator, the power indicator indicates the number of steps to increase of current data rate when increasing of the current data rate is possible, and the buffer indicator indicates if an increase or decrease of the data rate is required and the number of steps to increase or decrease the data rate based on a value of a current buffer state of the mobile terminal, the power indicator and the buffer indicator being transmitted together” (claims 3 and 4).

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For claims 6-9, Zou shows “wherein a channel for transmitting the status report information is transmitted over a reverse rate indicator channel”; “wherein a channel for transmitting the status report information is transmitted over a reverse status report channel” and “wherein the reverse data rate control factors include a buffer indicator indicating the amount of data to be transmitted in a reverse direction” and “wherein the buffer indicator indicates an increase or decrease tendency based on the data stored in a buffer” (refer back to col. 23/line 38 to col. 25/line 13).

For claims 32-44, these claims for “a method for controlling a reverse data rate of packet data in a mobile communication system including mobile terminals and base stations, the method comprising the steps of: determining and updating by each of the mobile terminals the status of reverse data rate control factors of each mobile terminal, and transmitting status report information in a reverse direction over predetermined channels, the status report information being configured by the updated factors; b) by each of the base stations, receiving the status report information, generating reverse activity information for each mobile terminal based on the received status report information and the channel and system states, and transmitting the generated reverse activity information to each mobile terminal; and c) changing or maintaining by each of the mobile terminals a current data rate of each mobile terminal based on the reverse activity information” are rejected for the reasons given in the scope of claims 1-9 as disclosed above.

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Conclusion

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tony Thuan Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-7895. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

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